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Mr. Larry Rissler
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Dear Mr. Rissler:

We are now in the process of preparing the FY88 Intelligence Authorization bill. The legislative program for FY88 contains one provision of interest to the FBI. That provision (100/1-9) provides for FBI access to tax records for counterintelligence purposes.

As you may be aware, the FBI originally submitted legislation for inclusion in the FY87 Intelligence Authorization bill that provided the Bureau access to tax records for counterintelligence purposes. The Department of Treasury strongly opposed this proposal and it was not included in the Administration version of the Intelligence Authorization bill sent to Congress last spring. At the time the proposal was dropped, the FBI and the IRS agreed to draft a proposal that would be acceptable to both organizations.

It is important that you provide to this office draft legislation authorizing FBI access to tax records so that we may include it in the FY88 Intelligence Authorization bill that we will circulate in mid-November. The draft you provide us should be first coordinated with IRS so as to avoid repetition of the problems raised by IRS earlier this year. A short sectional analysis explaining the legislative proposal should accompany the draft legislation. Also, you should provide the cost, if any, to the Government of this proposal so that we may factor that into the "Cost Analysis" section of the Administration version of the Intelligence Authorization bill.

We would appreciate receiving your draft legislative proposal by 7 November. If you have any questions, please me at Thanks for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

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